

JOSEPH McCARRELL



Joseph McCarrell, son of Jesse and Mary Jane Locke McCarrell, was born May 3, 1835 at Flat Branch, Sangaun or Sanguai-ore, Illinois. He married Charlotte Cynthia

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Orser, and later married Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman in 1873. He died November 26, 1896, in Midway.

Charlotte Cynthia Orser was born July 2, 1837 at Alhoon, Michigan. She died February 26, 1872 at Midway.

Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman, daughter of John Threlkeld and Elizabeth Barker Threlkeld was born May 15, 1842, at Carlisle, Cumberland, England. She died January 26, 1916, in Midway.

Joseph McCarrell came to Utah in an ox team company in 1852. He settled in Midway. He was of sturdy pioneer stock. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1844 at Garden Grove. He was ordained an Elder on October 5, 1879, by Bishop David Van Wag-onen in Midway.

He took an active part in building the roads and bridges of Wasatch County. He tilled the soil and helped pave the way for a place where future generations could dwell in peace and comfort. He was an Indian War Veteran and was an officer during the Black Hawk War. He and his good wife Charlotte were very hospitable and kindly people. They made everyone welcome in their home. He was a modest, unassuming gentleman, honest and industrious. He was an ardent sportsman, and especially enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was appreciative of his second wife, Mary Jane, who helped with the care of the large family for which they were responsible. He died with the love and respect of both of his families to whom he had been a kind father and husband.

Children of Joseph McCarrell and Charlotte Cynthia Orser McCarrell:

Joseph Wilson, married Ludy Arzommie (Annie) Empey;

Charles Alonzo, married Mary Winn;

Mrs. William (Mary Ann) Rolfe;

Mrs. Charles (Martha Jane) Tribble, later married Thomas Benton Moore;

Jessie David, married Rachel Rassmussen;

Albert and Alpheus, twins; Albert, married Agnes Smith; Alpheus, married 1. Elizabeth Moulton; 2. Ada Tregay.

Children of Joseph McCarrell and Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman:

Heber John, died in infancy;

Mrs. Frank (Hester Elenore) Baum, later married Byron Rector;

Mrs. James (Catherine Alice) Taylor, later married John Bee;

Joseph Ernest, married Cora Hiner;

George Theodore, married Verla Mae McNaughton.

Shortly after his marriage, his step-father decided to drive his cattle up Provo Canyon into Heber Valley and Attewall was placed in charge. They made their way slowly and camped under a grove of cottonwood trees which later became the B. M. Smith farm.

The next year Attewall took his wife and small son Attewall, Jr., into the valley. He had not been there long when the Black Hawk War broke out and they were constantly harassed by Indians driving off their cattle. When the Indian trouble began they moved together at Fort Midway.

The first year after merging a school was started and Attewall was placed in charge. Most of his pay was in produce. His term of service began about 1859 and extended to 1910 a period of fifty-one years. However from 1899 through 1900 were spent in Great Britain as a missionary. Here, he was Assistant Editor of the Millennial Star. In these old copies are to be found many of his poems and fine editorials.

His length of service to Wasatch County Schools has never been surpassed. For twenty-five years, he was County Superintendent of schools. When consolidation was in the distant future this far-sighted educator recognized the merits of such a plan.

Among the results of his life's work was the influence it had upon his family, seven sons and two daughters. All of his sons were teachers and two followed his foot steps and made it their life's work.

In recognition of his ability and the merits of his philosophy he was offered a position in the school of Education at the University of Utah. When the offer came he considered it sincerely and at this time Professor William Stewart attempted to persuade him to accept. He declined the honor, his reason being because he felt he could be of greater service to his community and it was his desire to rear his children in a small community where there was farm work in the summer.

His service to the public was outstanding, but the service he rendered to his church was dear to his heart and at the time of his death November 1, 1912, he was a patriarch in the Wasatch Stake.

Cynthia Jane's father was a sea captain, and while she was still a baby he was lost at sea. Her mother was converted to the Church and came to Utah in 1849.

They settled in American Fork and her mother, Sophia, married Hyrum Dayton.

Cynthia lost her mother when she was 14 years old and lived with her grandmother, Mary Alore Lance.

During the trip across the plains, Cynthia was only five years old, but walked many miles each day and helped to gather buffalo chips for their fire. She did house work as a young girl and she often worked more than a week for enough calico to make a dress.

For a short time she attended night school and here met Attewall whom she later married. Cynthia was tall and straight with black hair and snappy brown eyes. After their first child was born, they moved to Midway and remained there until their death.

Cynthia gave birth to 11 children, eight sons and three daughters. One daughter and one son died the same day as their birth.

Cynthia was a model housekeeper and cook, yet she found time for her church. She served as President of the Relief Society for many years and helped the sisters in gleaning wheat and storing it in a small granary across the street from the Wootton home. Many times she left her own family when smallpox and diphtheria hit, to help her neighbors in caring for the sick. Night or day, her children could bring their friends home and they were always welcome. Her husband brought many of the state's leading educators to their home. Never was she unprepared to receive them.

She died in Salt Lake City.

Children of Attewall and Cynthia Jewett Wootton:

Attewall Jr., married Elizabeth Ohlweiler
John Alma, married Martha Melvina Hufaker

George Alfred, married Dora Bond, later Kathryn Yergensen

William Theodore, married Carolina Alexander

Cynthia Ann, married Edward Jaspersen
Edward, married Ida Bonner, later Nina Rose

Richard Harmon, married Orpha Fraughton, later Irene Nichol

David Alvah, married Mary Jane Aplanalp

Florence Sophia, married Donald Willis
Charles, died in infancy.

DAVID SANDS ZUFELT

David Sands Zufelt, son of Henry Zufelt

and Julia Ann Dillsbough, was born January 14, 1845, at Blacksburg, Kane County, Illinois. He married Louisa Dayton. On February 6, 1871, he married Phoebe Ann Chilton, the daughter of Isaac Jay Chilton and Phoebe Brice Montaglo. She was born December 8, 1853. They were married in the Manti Temple. Mrs. Zufelt died April 30, 1923, at Safford, Graham County, Arizona.

Children of David Sands Zufelt and Phoebe Ann Chilton Zufelt:

David Henry, married Ella R. Bunch

Elizabeth Ann, married Robert Allen Smith, Jr.

Elmira Minerva, married John Taylor Hancock

Isaac Theodore, married Lydia Ann Bryant

Maud, married Perry Anderean

Richard Lorenzo, married Fern Magler, later Alice Jane Mathews

Nellie Ellen, married Gideon Clark Duncan

Baby boy, who died at birth

Erma Cleo, married John Alfred Haralsen.

Mention of some people who lived in early Midway for whom there is no available history in any detail.

NICHOLAS ANDREWS, came to Midway, a widower with three children. Florence, Mabel and Clifton. Mr. Andrews married Mary Watkins, daughter of John and Margaret Ackhurst Watkins. She was born August 21, 1860, in Provo. She died December 14, 1925, in Midway. She was a good wife and a good mother to the three young children of her husband. Mr. Andrews died in Midway. Florence married Frank Provost, Mabel married Maurice Epperson, Clifton died in youth.

BERT, CHARLES, ALVAH and ROY ALEXANDER, sons of Alvah and Elizabeth Soule Alexander, all married and lived their early lives in Midway. Bert married Viola Epperson. They moved to Wyoming before their children married. Charles married Lalla Ruth Springer, they moved to Salt Lake City when their children were still young. Alvah married Dezzie Bonner, they moved to Vernal shortly after they were married. Roy married Susan Davis, they moved to Nevada with their young family.

MRS. BRACK, affectionately called "Old Lady Brack," lived here in the early days and was a practical nurse.

THOMAS BARTEN, a widower and his son, Tom, lived for a time on what is now the Albert Kohler farm.

JAMES BATES came from the Southern States. He bought ground from Theophilus Robey and later sold it to George Huntington. He and his wife had two children, Clarence and Erma.

The BARBEN FAMILY lived in the east part of town, they were a Swiss family. Fred married Nettie Watkins, Robert married Nettie Hair, Louise married Gottfried Buehler, Emma married Charles Smith, John and William married Salt Lake City girls and settled in Salt Lake.

WILLIAM and EMILY SCHAEER CARMAC and their family spent some early years in Midway. They had four children, Loretta, Ella, William and Harold.

JOHN CLYDE and his family lived for a time on the present Albert Kohler farm.

ERNEST and PHOEBIE BONNER DAYTON built a home and raised their family in Midway. They lived here for a number of years. Phoebe died and is buried in Midway. Ernest was blinded in a mine accident. He moved to Salt Lake.

HYRUM DENNIS was adopted by a family by the name of Horner. He was known as Hyrum Horner while he lived in Midway. He ran a grist mill here. Hyrum and Claudis Horner had a big family. In later life Hyrum was known as Hyrum Dennis. They moved away before any of their family married.

A family by the name of DOWDLE lived in Midway during the early settlement of the valley.

THOMAS DAVIS and his family lived here for a number of years.

ERNEST and ELIZA ERNSBERGER



were German people. They came here as Mormon converts. They are remembered as gentle, cultured people. Mrs. Ernsberger was a very beautiful woman.

"THE OLD FRENCH LADY," no name

JOHN Z. WINTSCH AND ELIZABETH WINTSCH

John Z. and Elizabeth Wintsch were early settlers of the Mound City area. Mr. Wintsch homesteaded bench lands west of Midway overlooking the valley. When the Midway Fort was built they had a cabin in the northwest corner of the Fort String.

After leaving the Fort they took up their farm land again. One time Mr. Wintsch walked through Snake Creek Canyon, over the mountain into Salt Lake City to file upon his land. His ability to hike and climb was acclaimed, for he arrived in the City much sooner than his neighbor who had started at the same time with a good team and wagon on the regular road route.

Mr. and Mrs. Wintsch had 13 children. They all died in infancy. They adopted a little boy by the name of August, and a new born baby, Eliza Lehman. Eliza grew to womanhood and married August Kohler. August died in youth.

DAVID WOOD

David Wood, a son of Benjamin Wood and Agnes Benedict Wood, was born July 6, 1799, in Schoralia, New York. He married Catherine Crites, daughter of George Crites and Jane Ann Cane Crites. She was born December 4, 1796, in Osneburg, Cornwall County, Canada. They came to Utah in 1851.

David Wood was an active member of the Mormon Church. He assisted in building the Nauvoo Temple. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He spent considerable time as a successful missionary among the Indians.

He and his good wife were sturdy, courageous people who did much to pioneer and develop Provo valley.

David Wood died March 6, 1871 in Midway. His wife, Catherine, died January 2, 1879, in Midway.

They were the parents of 10 children:

Benjamin George, married Christann Duel
Sarah Catherine, died in infancy
Margaret Polly, married Levi Empey
David, died in early manhood
Sarah Ann, married Hyrum Oaks
Amanda, married Jesse McCarrell
Delilah, died in youth

William Osburn, married Eliza Kettle

Elizabeth Agnes, married Benjamin Mark Smith

Oscar Alexander, married Mary Jane Ross.

ATTEWELL WOOTTON AND CYNTHIA JANE JEWETT WOOTTON



Attewell Wootton, son of John Wootton and Ann Turner, born December 26, 1839, in Tunstall, Staffordshire, England. Married Cynthia Jane Jewett January 9, 1862. Died November 1, 1912.

Cynthia Jane Jewett Wootton, daughter of Samuel Jewett and Sophia Lance. Born November 26, 1844, in Morgan County, Ohio. Died January 7, 1933, Salt Lake City.

December 26, 1839, Attewell's father and mother embraced the gospel in England and came to Nauvoo by way of New Orleans in 1842, bringing with them two small sons, Attewall and John.

His father, in the struggle for a livelihood, in a new country engaged in tile and brick making. Becoming overheated in his work he took cold, developed pneumonia and died in 1845, leaving his widow and two small sons. Two years later she met and married Edward Robinson a widower with a large family. In 1849 they came to Utah with the Ezra Benson Company and settled in American Fork.

Attewall proved very studious and when, but a small boy he read the Book of Mormon through and received a book from his mother as a reward. He attended school for a few months each year and soon excelled the other pupils. After three terms, his teacher, Eugene Henroid, suggested he become a teacher. His first teaching was at night school for those who were unable to attend during the day. It was here also that romance entered his life, for one of his students was Cynthia J. Jewett, who became his wife. Thus began his life as a teacher.

deal of temple work for his ancestors, both in the Salt Lake and Manti Temples.

Ruth came to Utah with her husband and five children, and settled in Provo. She joined the Church in her native state, West Virginia, in 1838, having been converted by some missionaries who were laboring in that section.

When she left with her children to go to Nauvoo she had no idea she would not return again to her West Virginia home and her people, but she never did, and never saw any of them again. She moved to Midway with her husband and family in the spring of 1859.

She endured many of the trials and hardships incidental to pioneer life, but was always cheerful and contented.

She was hospitable and made every one welcome in her home; no one was turned away hungry from her door. She was a good hand in sickness and helped many who were suffering and in pain. She was always kind to little children and was loved and revered by her grandchildren. At the death of her daughter, Susan, she took her three little motherless girls and reared them to womanhood, caring for them as though they were her very own. The girls were: Sarah Jane Ross, who married Henry Alexander, Jr.; Susan Ross, who married William O'Neil; and Lavernia Virginia Ross, who married Hiram Gould, and later Fred Eder.

She was a sweet singer and used to sing the old-fashioned songs, and tell stories of her early days and experiences in crossing the plains and during the early Indian troubles. She loved to bear her testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Lord. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She died very suddenly while sitting in her chair on a Sunday morning at the age of 75 years and six months. She is buried in the Midway Cemetery.

The children of Jeremiah and Ruth Tucker Robey were:

Theophilus Katzen, married Sarah Mathews and later Maria Rolfe;

Mary Jane, married Sidney H. Epperson;

Susan Luvernia, married James Ross;

James Allison, died in infancy;

Maria and Sophia, twins, died in early childhood;

Jeremiah Albert, married Martha Dowdle;

Matilda, married Nathan Springer;

Twin boys, who died at birth.

SIMON AND MARIA BAMBERGER SCHNEITTER

Simon Schneitter was born July 6, 1828, in Wimms, Bern, Switzerland.

Maria Louisa Dintheer Bamberger, who became his wife, was born April 17, 1821, in Erlen, Bern, Switzerland. Maria Bamberger had a daughter by her first husband, Maria Louisa, born July 24, 1853, in Grover, Bern, Switzerland.

To Simon and Maria was born a son, Simon Jabez, on June 30, 1860 in Wimms, Bern, Switzerland.

Simon was a watchmaker by trade, owning his own shop. His wife worked with him. He made the watches and she made the cases.

When the Latter-day Saints missionaries came to their home in about 1862, they were welcomed and often stayed with them. Before long the message the missionaries brought was accepted by their hosts.

Simon and Maria sold their business and made preparations to go to America. With their two children they left Switzerland for Liverpool, England. The ship *Antartic*, left Liverpool on May 23, 1863 with 486 immigrants. The ship docked at Castle Garden, New York, on Friday, July 10, 1863. From Castle Garden they went to Albany, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago, Quincy and St. Joseph, Mo. Then by steamboat up the Missouri River to Florence, Neb., where they outfitted themselves with wagon, ox team and supplies for their trek across the plains. They left Florence, Neb., July 25, 1863, in the John R. Murdock Company, arriving in Salt Lake Valley, Sept. 9, 1863.

A few weeks after their arrival in the Valley they learned they were to go to Midway to join other Swiss families who had already settled there. It was late in the fall when they started. Cold weather and snow made it impossible to go through the mountains, so they camped on Provo Bench until the snow had melted the following spring and the wagons could be driven through the canyon.

On their arrival in Midway they were greeted by other Swiss families. They felt at home in this beautiful valley as it reminded them of Switzerland, surrounded as it was, by mountains much like their homeland.

They settled on several acres of land on which was one large hot pot and several small ones. A log house was built in Snake

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JEREMIAH AND RUTH TUCKER ROBEY



Jeremiah Robey, son of Jeremiah Robey and Mary Ogden Robey. Born April 14, 1809 in Harrison County, West Virginia.

Married Ruth Tucker November 7, 1833. Died November 22, 1903, Midway.

Ruth Tucker was born June 26, 1816 at Shinston, West Virginia, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ruth Ashcroft Tucker. She died in Midway, January 17, 1892.

Jeremiah Robey's parents were among the wealthy, prominent people of Harrison County and had a large family of sturdy sons and daughters. His mother was a sister to Susan Ogden Bigler, the mother of the late Bathsbea Bigler Smith, and grandmother of Edna and Juliana Smith, widows of the late President Joseph F. Smith.

In his early manhood Mr. Robey learned the trade of carpenter and cabinetmaker. He went from one place to another where carpenters were needed, always demanding a good wage. His uncle, Mark Bigler and wife Susan, had become members of the Church and had moved to Nauvoo. Mrs. Robey had also been converted, but her husband had not, he was away in Indiana on a carpenter job. Mrs. Robey decided to go to Nauvoo. She took her three little children and joined the Biglers there. They wrote Mr. Robey that work was plentiful in Nauvoo, so he met his family there in 1841. His wife had been a member of the Church for three years, but as yet he had not been converted.

When they arrived in Nauvoo, they were welcomed by his friends and uncle's family. After remaining in Nauvoo for a short time, he was converted to the Gospel, and was baptized in May, 1841, by the Prophet Joseph Smith. In October, 1842, he was ordained an Elder by Wilford Woodruff.

While in Nauvoo he worked unceasingly on the Temple and was the one to hang the last door. He went through all the trials and persecutions of the saints at that time, but never faltered in his faith. He was very much grieved over the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum. After he left Nauvoo he went to Pisgah, where he remained for a time and then went to Council Bluffs and from there he joined the David Wood Company and came to Utah, arriving in Provo in August, 1852. While in Provo, he, in company with Edwin Bunnell, worked as a cabinet-maker and carpenter. He settled in Provo on the advice of his cousin, George A. Smith, who said there was need of carpenters and cabinetmakers in that place. In 1859, he came to Midway and was one of the early settlers of Provo Valley. After arriving here he devoted most of his time to farming, as his second son, Jeremiah A. Robey, had learned the trade of carpentry and could handle most of the work here.

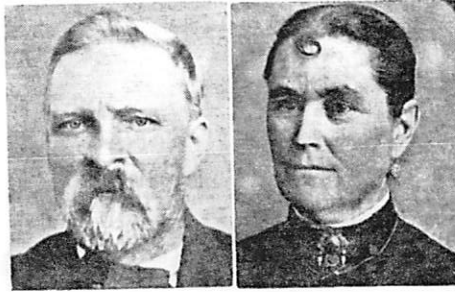
On November 7, 1833, he married Ruth Tucker, by whom he had ten children. In 1876, he went on a mission to his old home in West Virginia and met most of his relatives, whom he had not seen since 1841.

He was one of the pioneer bee-raisers of this valley, and he set out some of the first fruit trees—apple, pear and plum. He raised currants, gooseberries, and strawberries for his own table and had success with celery.

For a number of years he was recorder for the Snake Creek Mining District, and he held the position of school trustee for over thirteen years. He was a quiet, unassuming man. He lived to see his fifth generation and had a picture taken with them. He was always an earnest advocate of the gospel, and loved to bear his testimony to its truthfulness. He impressed upon his family and friends the knowledge he knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. After the death of his wife in 1892, he made his home with his youngest daughter, Matilda Springer, until his death.

After an illness of one week, at the age of 94 years and seven months, he passed away. In his latter days he did a great

SIDNEY HYRUM AND MARY JANE ROBEY EPPERSON



BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

Sidney Hyrum Epperson was born December 31, 1832 in Montgomery County, Indiana, a son of Elias and Nancy Lunica Dalton Epperson. He married Mary Jane Robey in 1853. Died June 1, 1913 in Midway.

Mary Jane Robey Epperson was born April 28, 1836 in Harrison County, West Virginia, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ruth Tucker Robey. She died May 15, 1915 in Midway.

In 1837 the Epperson family moved to Lipton, Iowa, where they settled on a quarter section making a new home.

In 1852 they had the urge to move further west. They purchased a farm on Honey Creek which was then being rapidly populated by the Latter-day Saints who were preparing for their exodus west to follow the main company who had earlier preceded them.

It was in Council Bluffs, Iowa where the Eppersons first heard the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of them became converts and had a desire to go to the Rocky Mountains with migrating saints, among them Sidney H. Epperson, his sister, Martha, and her husband, Henry Busenbark. They made the trek across the plains with Captain Wood's Company. They arrived in Salt Lake where they stayed but a short time, then moved on to Provo where they settled for a few years.

In 1853 Sidney H. Epperson married Mary Jane Robey, a beautiful girl from "Old Virginny" whom he met while crossing the plains. They had a family of 13 children.

His early life had prepared him for rugged pioneer life which he experienced as he built his home in Provo. Some years the crops were good, other times they were destroyed by grasshoppers and crickets. Their greatest trouble was the Indians who stole their cattle and mules and pillaged their farms. They were undaunted in their faith and courage.

Sidney became a member of the Utah Militia and was appointed Captain of the Provo Cavalry and was later commissioned Major of the U.S. Government, of Indian War Veterans. He was an outpost body-guard of Brigham Young.

In April of 1859 he decided to move north with a group of other families, Jeremiah Robey, Mark Smith, David Wood and Jesse McCarrol. They settled on the west banks of a stream called Snake Creek by a cotton-

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wood grove on the west side of the valley.

At a meeting held June 26, 1862 Sidney H. Epperson was appointed Presiding Elder of the upper settlement with John Fausett, first, and Samuel Thompson, second counselors. This was his first calling to labor in the Church.

He was a man of faith and courage and felt the responsibility of leadership and unity of his group of people. They were all busily engaged in grubbing willows and sage brush, breaking land and making irrigation ditches, constructing roads, digging dugways to the canyons for fire wood, blasting rock and bridging streams. They worked hard six days a week, but rested on the Sabbath day and went to church to worship their God.

When the two settlements were forced to move together for protection from the Indians, Sidney H. Epperson helped make the survey for the new townsite.

He was appointed by Jos. Murdock to preside over the Midway Ward until April 10, 1870 when he was released.

Within a short time the log houses around the public square were removed. Sidney Epperson finished his new home of lumber in the late Autumn of 1872, and it is still standing, a monument to this worthy pioneer.

Mary Jane Robey Epperson came to Utah with her parents in August, 1852, settling in Provo, Utah. She remembered very distinctly many of the incidents of Nauvoo, such as the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, whom she saw many times during their life, and also after their death. She used to accompany her brother, Theophilus, to the temple where their father was working, to take his dinner to him. She was quite young when she crossed the plains, and remembered many of the amusing, as well as the pathetic incidents in their long journey to the West.

In 1853 she was married to Sidney H. Epperson, by whom she had 13 children, ten sons and three daughters. In 1859 they came to Midway among the first to settle in this valley. She was chosen as the President of the first Relief Society organized in Midway, and held that position for a number of years. She was always a friend to the poor and needy and her home was open to any who happened her way, and who was hungry or weary. She had a very cheerful, congenial disposition and had many friends.

She was an industrious, hard-working woman. She helped care for the sick. She

was a most devoted mother to her children, always willing to do and sacrifice for their comfort. She died after a brief illness, and was mourned as a loving mother, a kind friend, and a good neighbor. She was always faithful and true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and died as she had lived, a true Latter-day Saint.

Children of Sidney and Mary Jane Epperson were:

Signey Theophilus married Eliza Van Wagenen

Charles Alonzo married Elizabeth B. Coleman

Mary Laverna Epperson married Dean Forrest later John Baum

Jeremiah Albert, single

Tipton Elias married Mary Jane Bonner

Viola Delphina married Adelbert Alexander

Robert Ross married Bertha Drew Springer

William Henry married Katherine Bunnell

Simon Shelby married Lydia Melissa Smith

Daniel David, single

Ruth Lenica married William Mathews, later James McNaughton

Frank Sherman married Ada Mohlman, later Laverna Horrocks

Elmer Drew married Maud Barker, later Mae Davis.